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SUBJECT: TURKISH ANNOUNCEMENT OF TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM CYPRUS

1. MFA CYPRUS-GREECE DIRECTOR GUVENDIREN PROVIDED US
MID-DAY DECEMBER 14 ENGLISH VERSION OF TURKISH ANNOUNCEMENT
OF INTENTION TO WITHDRAW MORE TROOPS FROM CYPRUS, WITH A
DECEMBER WITHDRAWAL OF ABOUT 700. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS EMBARGOED
FOR RELEASE AT 1900 TURKISH TIME DECEMBER 14 (12 NOON
WASHINGTON TIME). GUVENDIREN ALSO:

--ASKED THAT THE DEPARTMENT PASS A COPY TO TURKISH AMBASSADOR
ESENBEL, SINCE THIS CABLE WILL PROBABLY REACH WASHINGTON BEFORE THE
TURKISH CABLE.

--SUGGESTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDER TAKING NOTE OF THE
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ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE NOON BRIEFING TODAY.

--SAID THAT THE TIMING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS RELATED TO THE
SECURITY COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS OF UNFICYP RENEWAL.

--SAID THAT THE MFA WOULD BE CALLING IN -ALL EMBASSIES
IN ANKARA" TO RECEIVE COPIES OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT THIS AFTER-

NOON.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT:

IT IS A WELL-KNOWN FACT THAT TURKEY DECIDED TO INTERVENE IN CYPRUS IN JULY 1974 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TREATY OF GUARANTEE WHICH IMPOSES INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES UPON HER. FURTHERMORE, TURKEY HAS OFFICIALLY STATED ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS THAT SHE WILL WITHDRAW HER FORCES FROM THE ISLAND AS SOON AS A POLITICAL SOLUTION IS FOUND TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

UP TO NOW, TURKEY HAS ALREADY REDUCED ITS FORCES ON THE ISLAND APPROXIMATELY BY 30 PERCENT (13,000). WHILE REDUCING THE NUMBER OF THE TURKISH FORCES ON THE ISLAND OF CYPRUS THE CRITERION HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE PROGRESS RECORDED IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TURKISH AND GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES.

BEARING IN MIND THAT FOR A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD THERE HAVE BEEN NO CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS IN CYPRUS AND THAT AN ATMOSPHERE OF TRANQUILITY PREVAILS ON THE ISLAND;

TAKING NOTE THAT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES FOR THE FIRST TIME ABOUT THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES OF THE CAPITAL CITY OF NICOSIA, AND,

RECOGNIZING THAT A CONCILIATORY POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BEEN CREATED BY FAVORABLE INTERNATIONAL REACTION TO THE IDEA THAT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION CAN BE FOUND TO THE CYPRUS QUESTION BY ENLARGED INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS;

THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS CONCILIATORY POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE SHALL HELP THE FINAL POLITICAL SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM GIVES HOPE THAT THE PRESENT ATMOSPHERE OF TRANQUILITY IN CYPRUS WILL BE MAINTAINED.

BECAUSE OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS, OPPORTUNITY HAS EMERGED ENABLING US TO MAKE FURTHER TROOPS REDUCTIONS IN DECEMBER 1977 BY APPROXIMATELY 700 MEN. IN LINE WITH POSITIVE PROGRESS TOWARDS A FINAL POLITICAL SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND WHILE SUCH PROGRESS IS MAINTAINED TURKEY SHALL WITHOUT FAIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW CONDITIONS MAKE THE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS IN THE NUMBER OF ITS TROOPS ON THE ISLAND. END TEXT
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